

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[024]** with the following amended paragraph:

[024] The length of handle means 120 may be fixed (as shown in FIG. 3) or may be adjustable (as shown in FIGS 1,2, and 4). When handle means 120 is adjustable, handle means 120 may include handle cylinder 130, handle locking means 135, and handle extension 140. The length of handle means 120 may be adjusted by either collapsing or extending handle extension 140 into or from handle cylinder 130 and by applying handle extension locking means 135. For example, handle cylinder 130 may have a larger diameter than handle extension 140 to allow handle extension 140 to adjustably slide in and out of handle cylinder 130. When handle extension 140 is at a desired length, handle extension locking means 135 may be applied. Handle extension locking means 135 may, for example, be a twist lock device (as shown in FIGS. 1[[, 2,]], and 4), a pin (as shown in FIG. 2), a spring-loaded pin (not shown), or any other suitable means for rigidly attaching handle cylinder 130 and handle extension 140 at a fixed desired length.

Please replace paragraph **[027]** with the following amended paragraph:

[027] Apparatus 100 may further include debris agitator means 190 that assists in the removal of debris from the pool surface. Debris agitator means may include fin means 192 attached to fin housing 825. Fin means 192 may, for example, be flexible, rigid, bristle, and/or bristle-like structures that, when rotated, produce an aqueous current to assist in the removal of debris from the pool surface. Illustrative embodiments of debris agitator means 190 and fin means 192 are shown in FIGS. [[8,]] 8a, [[and]] 8b, and **8c**.

Please replace paragraph **[028]** with the following amended paragraph:

[028] Debris agitator means 190 may be rotatably attached to housing 110 using mounting means 805 (shown in FIGS. [[8,]] 8a, [[and]] 8b, and **8c**) or by any other suitable arrangement. To produce an aqueous current, debris agitator means 190 may be rotated in a counterclockwise direction at a sufficient rate of speed such that the aqueous current produced by fin means 192 assists in forcing debris down the substantially hollow cavity of housing 110 for collection within debris collection means 195. Debris agitator means 190 may be rotated by the force of water against fin means 192 when apparatus 100 is operated in a forward direction, by a

mechanical gearing device coupled to wheel means 170, and/or by an electrical power source.

Please replace paragraph [030] with the following amended paragraph:

[030] Debris collection device 195 may be attached to housing 110 using debris collection locking means 198. Debris collection locking means may, for example, be a tongue and groove arrangement, a VELCRO ® hook-and-loop fastening strap, a buckle device, a clamping device, or any other suitable device and/or arrangement for detachably connecting debris collection means 195 to housing 110.

Please replace paragraph [034] with the following amended paragraph:

[034] FIG. 2 shows a partial side view of one embodiment of apparatus 100. In this view, the length of handle means 120 may be adjustable. As stated above, when handle means 120 is adjustable, handle means 120 may include handle cylinder 130, handle locking means 135, and handle extension 140. The length of handle means 120 may be adjusted by either collapsing or extending handle extension 140 into or from handle cylinder 130 and by applying handle extension locking

means 135. For example, handle cylinder 130 may have a larger diameter than handle extension 140 to allow handle extension 140 to adjustably slide in and out of handle cylinder 130. When handle extension 140 is at a desired length, handle extension locking means 135 may be applied. Handle extension locking means 135 may, for example, be a twist lock device (as shown in FIGS. 1[[, 2,]] and 4), a pin (as shown in FIG. 2), a spring-loaded pin (not shown), or any other suitable means for rigidly attaching handle cylinder 130 and handle extension 140 at a fixed desired length.

Please replace paragraph [035] with the following amended paragraph:

[035] FIG. 2[[.]] also shows one embodiment of debris collection means 195. In this embodiment, debris collection means 195 may include debris collection device 220 that may further include screen 230 and debris removal cap 240. Screen 230 allows debris that is more dense than water to settle at the bottom of debris collection device 240 while allowing water to exit from debris collection device 240 via screen 230. Screen 230 may be a course coarse screen, a fine screen, or any combination of course coarse and fine screens. Debris removal cap 240 may be used to assist in the removal of debris from debris container device 240. Debris container cap 240

may, for example, be a screw on device, a removable lid secured by a clamping mechanism, or any other suitable device.

Please replace paragraph [036] with the following amended paragraph:

[036] FIG. 3[[.]] shows a partial side view of an embodiment of handle means 120. In this view, handle means 120 may be at a fixed non-adjustable length. FIG. 3[[.]] also shows an embodiment of debris collection means 195. In this embodiment, debris collection means 195 may include debris collection device 220 that may further include screen 230, screen 330, and debris removal cap 240. Screens 230 and 330 allow debris that is more dense than water to settle at the bottom of debris collection device 240 while allowing water to exit from debris collection device 240 via screens 230 and 330. Screens 230 and 330 may include a course coarse screen, a fine screen, or any combination of course coarse and fine screens. Debris removal cap 240 may be used to assist in the removal of debris from debris container device 220. Debris container cap 240 may, for example, be a screw on device, a removable lid secured by a clamping mechanism, or any other suitable device that allows access to remove debris from debris container device 220.

Please replace paragraph [040] with the following amended paragraph:

[040] FIG. 7 shows a top rear view of one embodiment of debris collection device 220. In this embodiment, debris that flows through housing 110 and that is more dense than water collects near or on top of debris container cap 240. The filtered water then may exit debris container device 220 via screen 230 and/or screen 330. As stated above, screen 220 and screen 330 may be a **course coarse** screen, a fine screen, or [[a]] any combination of [[a]] **course coarse** and [[a]] fine screens.